

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1390  
By Maggart

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Ben Alexander upon  
receiving the 2006 Samaritan of the Year Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Ben Alexander, who was recently honored with the 2006 Samaritan of the Year Award by the Hendersonville Samaritan Association; and

WHEREAS, pleasantly surprised by the honor, Pastor Alexander accepted the award gracefully and humbly amidst a standing ovation at the Hendersonville Samaritan Association's annual banquet; and

WHEREAS, Ben Alexander, the 86-year-old pastor emeritus at First United Methodist Church, continues to spend many hours a week tending to the needs of the members of his congregation; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Ben Alexander came to First United Methodist Church in 1980 and served as its senior pastor for eight years; since his retirement, he has continued to serve the church as pastor emeritus and minister of visitation; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years, Pastor Alexander has played an instrumental role in the Community Pastors Association and the American Cancer Society; and

WHEREAS, Ben Alexander epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Pastor Emeritus Ben Alexander for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED  
FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE  
CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Pastor Emeritus Ben Alexander for his  
meritorious service to the good people of Hendersonville and the State of Tennessee,  
congratulate him upon receiving the 2006 Samaritan of the Year Award, and extend to him our  
best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared  
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.